

Christmas in July for the Big Red One

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Salah Ad Din Province, Iraq- Soldiers of the Dagger Brigade received a pleasant surprise this week. Thousands of Care packages from the community of Tellico Village, TN, flooded the Brigade. Most of the packages were shoe box's, or about that size, and contained some needed hygienic items and snack foods. Major Brandt, the Brigade Chaplain, has been overseeing their distribution. Col. Dragon also took time to personally hand out packages to his Personal Security Detachment. The soldiers were very appreciative of the packages. Many of the items in these packets are hard to come by in Iraq. This project was known as 'Christmas in July for the Big Red One'. The Tellico Village Community has been working for months to organize, publicize, and gather the boxes for the soldiers. The success of this project comes from the support of many hardworking individuals and organizations. Organizations that supported this project include: Village Hardware Store, Walmart, Tennessee Packaging, Tellico Village Kiwanas, Tellico Village Lions, the Good Neighbor Shop, Tellico Village Community Church, Tellico Village Baptist Church, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.



COL Dragon and soldiers from his personal security detachment stop for a picture after receiving their boxes of goodies. (photo by 2LT Crowder)